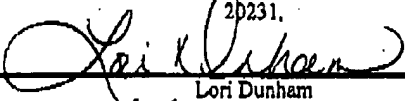


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In The Specification:

Page 6, lines 22-25, please delete " , either by an applied radially outwardly directed force which plastically deforms the second structural elements, under inherent spring tension or as a result of shape memory properties of the stent material, or combinations thereof" and insert there for -- of the inventive endoluminal stent --.

Page 6, line 30, please delete "plastic deformability,".

Page 7, lines 5, please delete "plastically deformable material" and insert therefore -- a spring biased material --.

Page 7, lines 6-7, please delete " , or of a spring biased material, such as stainless steel".